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Welcome to the first issue of the Creature. This is my first fanzine effort, and the creature is just one of 40 ideas I've had for a fanzine comic character; mostly the others were superheroes, so I thought as a change of pace I'd use one of the most different ones. Occult stories have always interested me, but PROcomics in most cases have fallen short of what I feel a good sorcery story should be; KIRBY'S DEMON, LEE & DITKO'S and BRUNNER'S DR. STRANGE; and CONAN were perfect! Roy Thomas plays up the savage elements in Conan, (which is fine with me) rather than the magical ones. In the direction of sorcery I'll say that Conan is good, the Demon was better, and Dr. Strange is the best; the Demon would be tied, but after the sixth issue the book seemed to get less and less mysterious as the Demon's savagery was played down. I think the book would still be with us today, if Kirby would've made the Demon mysterious like Batman but savage like the mangog. Now I'm not going to pattern the creature after Batman and Mangog, but I am going to try and make him more savage and mysterious than the professional comics can. Usually I contribute illoes and strips to other zines; and (with the exception of Paul Legrazie's (now defunct) fanzines, Journey into comics etc.) I've usually conformed to someone else's idea of what pro art is suppose to look like, or draw someone else's stories. Well now I have (at last) TOTAL FREEDOM NO COMICS CODE, OR KNOW IT ALL FANZINE EDITORS, WHO BECAUSE OF A FEW PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS, ACT LIKE THEY'RE ART DIRECTORS FOR MARVEL OR NATIONAL COMICS, AND BY CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR ZINES YOU'LL LAND PRO EMPLOYMENT. Nope none of that (expletive deleted). Now while I can't say if the story or art is any better inspite of them... I CAN say I've had more fun doing it.

Hope you enjoy it too!! *Carl W. Taylor* Carl W. Taylor

The above was typed up around mid '74, ...alot has changed since then. I had forgot to mention that I thought Swampthing and Manthing are good and that it's just most of the continued sorcery stories that aren't as creative as they could be. There have always been great singular stories from all the companies, Warren, Marvel, DC, etc. Fanzines and their editors have finally done what they've wanted to do since I started contributing for free back in '71, stop me from contributing; so I'm going to be exclusive now; Instead of sending out my art to every zine I can, I'm going to charge all except the zine editors I feel have been fair AND are friends. So CPL, Epoch, Fan Flight, Corrigan Comics, PPFSZT, etc; REST!! Carl Taylor won't bug you anymore! Onward... I've been influenced by Kane and Kirby alot, BUT as well I've been influenced by ADAMS, DITKO and '66 to '70 Colon, and NON COMICS pros like George B. Bridgeman. I don't SWIPE!! I don't need to. I've redone some of the pages of this '73 project; write me and let me know what you think of it okay? later watergaters.

CARL COMICS ISN'T STOPPING **HERE!!!**

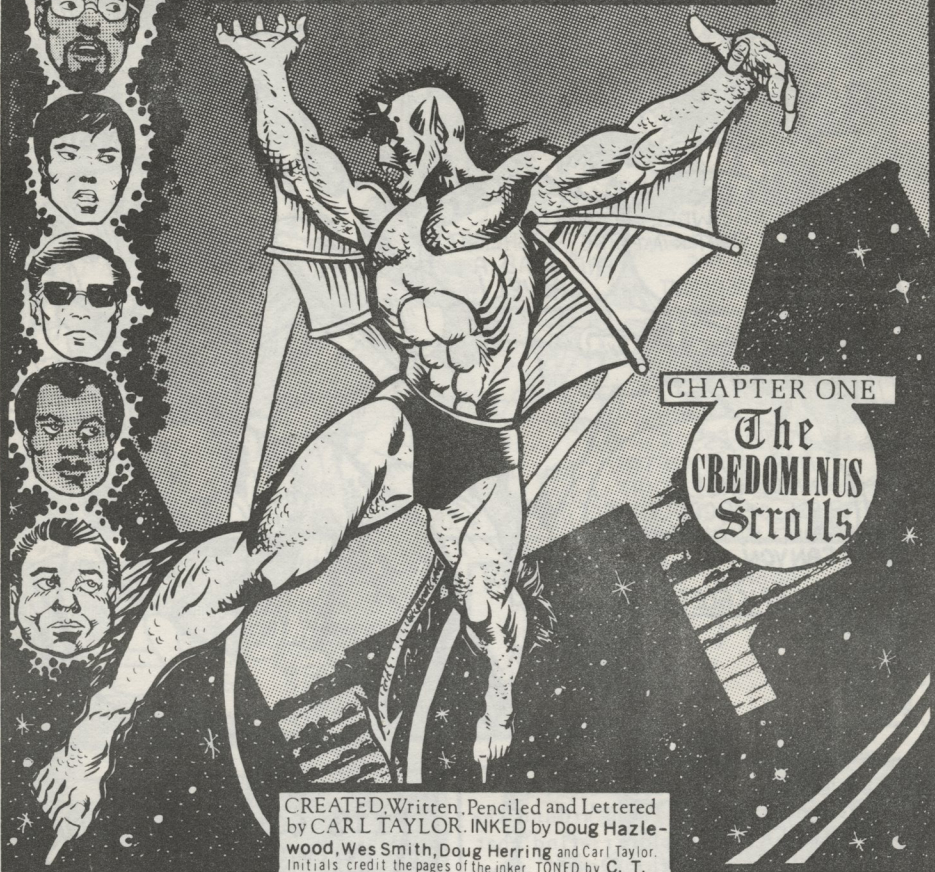
THERE WILL **BE MORE** other than creature!!!



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CHAPTER ONE

## The CREDOMINUS Scrolls

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This story begins with KEITH EDRICKS (professor and scoffed archaeologist) about to DISCOVER something which will CHANGE his life and the lives of BRIAN LEE, his top student, and (former students now shrewd business men) RYAN MASON, BILL JOHNSON and CHARLES FRANKLIN. They will learn the reality of MYSTIC POWER! This story starts NOW. ...



LEE!  
MASON!  
EVERYONE!! I  
THINK I'VE FOUND  
SOMETHING!!

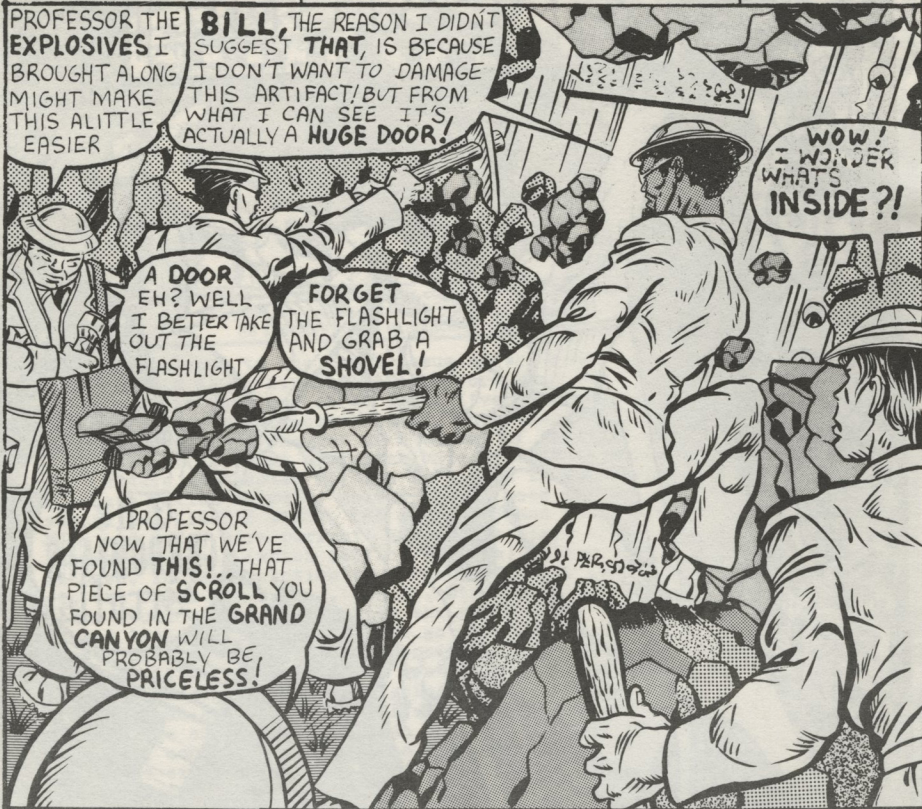
WHAT IS IT  
KEITH? A  
ANCIENT TOOL  
PROVING YOUR  
THEORIES?

BETTER BRIAN A  
SMOOTH PLATE OF ALLOY  
NOT YET PERFECTED BY  
TODAYS SCIENCE WITH  
CREDOMINUESE  
SCRIPTON IT !!





WASTING NO TIME THE FIVE SPECULATORS SET THEMSELVES TO THE TASK OF UNCOVERING THE STRANGE GLEAMING METAL!



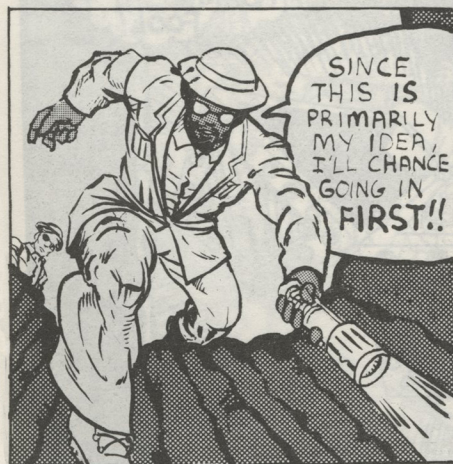
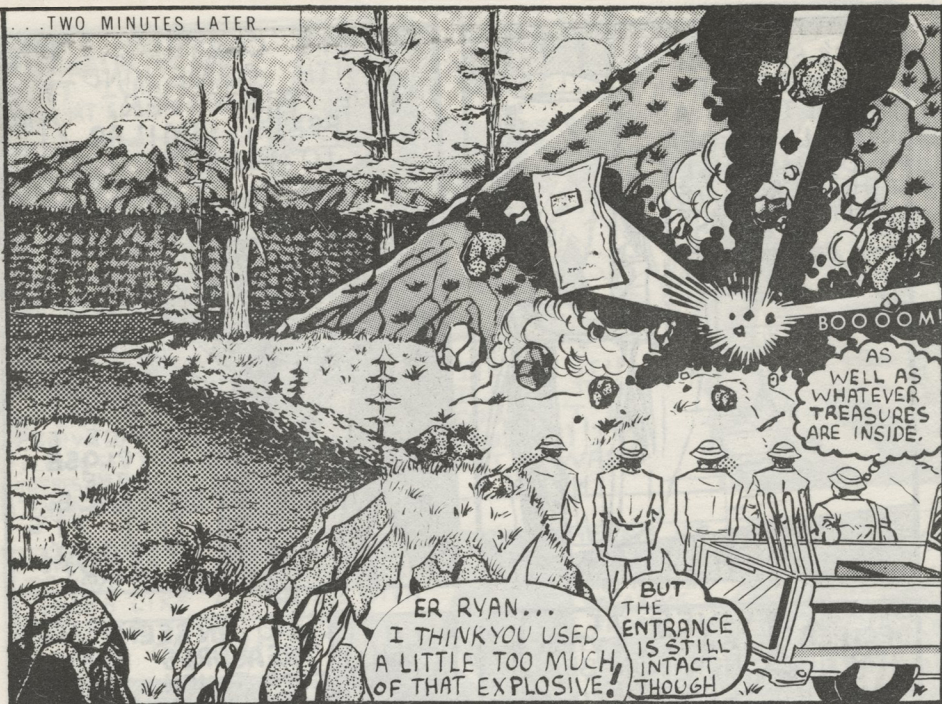
Smith

One half hour later after clearing the ground and rock from around the doorway, the five explorers find that they can't pry open the Door!



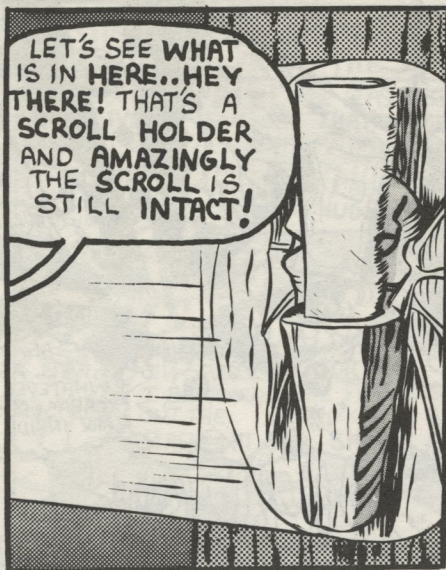


...TWO MINUTES LATER...



Taylor





LET'S SEE WHAT IS IN HERE..HEY THERE! THAT'S A SCROLL HOLDER AND AMAZINGLY THE SCROLL IS STILL INTACT!



IT'S COATED WITH SOME KIND OF PRESERVER, FEELS SIMILAR TO PLASTIC.

I BET SINCE IT'S SO CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE, THAT IT'S PROBABLY A MAP!!



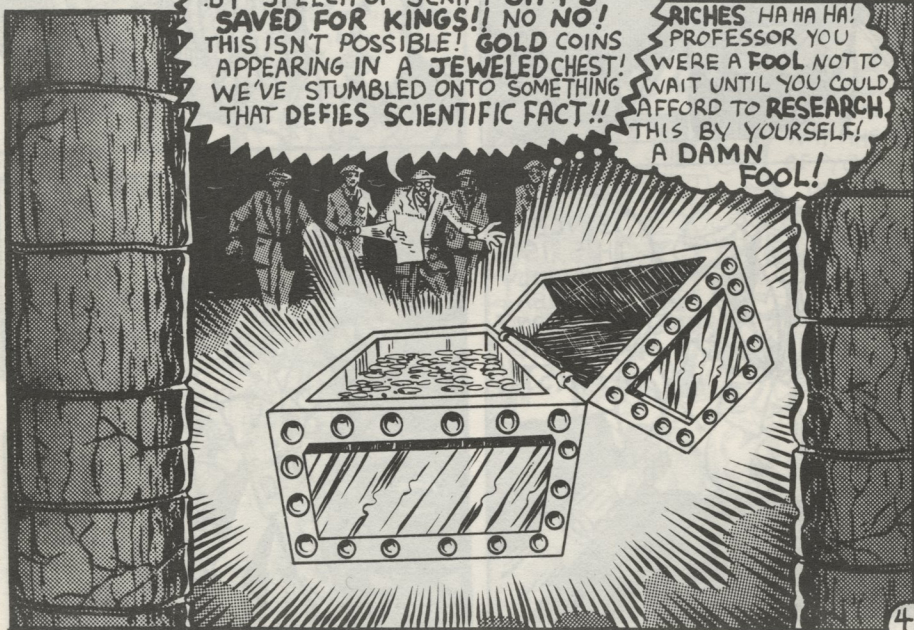
CAN YOU DECIPHER IT?

Y-YES IT SAYS.. ENTERS NOW WILL BE THE ONES..



..WHO UNSEEN CARRY TREASURES SUMS, TO TOUCH THIS SCROLL IS SURE TO BRING...

Herring

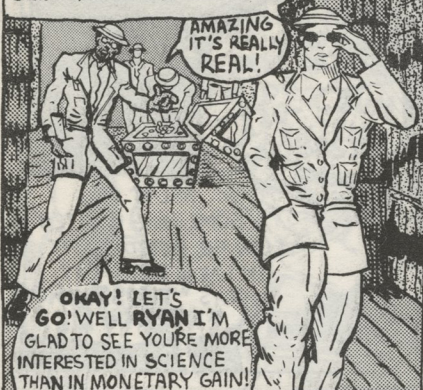


BY SPEECH OF SCRIPT GIFTS SAVED FOR KINGS!! NO NO! THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE! GOLD COINS APPEARING IN A JEWELLED CHEST! WE'VE STUMBLERD ONTO SOMETHING THAT DEFIES SCIENTIFIC FACT!!

RICHES HAH HA HA! PROFESSOR YOU WERE A FOOL NOT TO WAIT UNTIL YOU COULD AFFORD TO RESEARCH THIS BY YOURSELF! A DAMN FOOL!



ER..LET'S CONTINUE TO  
**EXPLORE!** AFTER THAT  
**EVENT** I CANT WAIT TO  
SEE WHAT ELSE IS IN HERE!



AMAZING  
IT'S REALLY  
REAL!

OKAY! LET'S  
GO! WELL RYAN I'M  
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE MORE  
INTERESTED IN SCIENCE  
THAN IN MONETARY GAIN!

HABA HAH! RYAN'S  
JUST GREEDIER THAN  
THE REST OF US  
**THREE!**



WELL I  
DON'T CARE  
HOW GREEDY  
HE IS I'M  
STILL GETTING  
MY THIRD!

I KNEW IT!!  
I KNEW THEY  
COULDN'T BE  
TRUSTED! I'VE  
GOT TO WARN  
KEITH!!



**HURRY WITH THE FLASHLIGHT I SEEM  
TO HAVE FOUND SOMETHING ELSE!!**  
LOOKS LIKE A **CIRCLE** WITH  
A **POLE** IN THE **CENTER**  
OF IT !!



IT SAYS IT'S A  
**LIFE EXTENDER**  
AND THAT BY  
SPEAKING  
FROM..

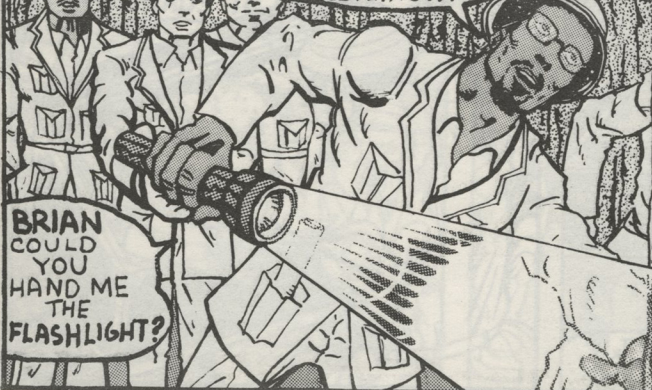


THESE  
SYMBOLS  
ON THE...

Taylor

..GROUND AND  
WALKING TO YOUR  
**LEFT, RIGHT**  
WHILE...

TOUCHING THIS POLE YOU  
BECOME **TEN YEARS YOUNGER!**  
IT SUPPOSELY DRAWS IT'S  
**MAGICAL** POWER FROM A  
BOX **FLOATING** NEAR THE  
CEILING...

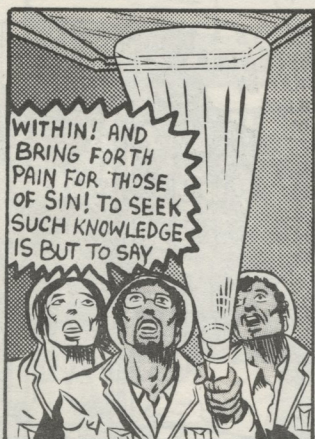
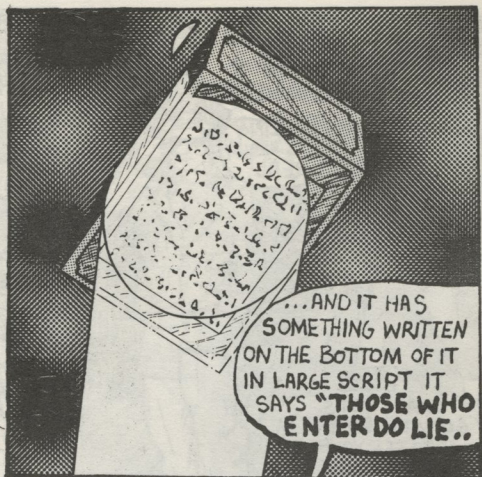
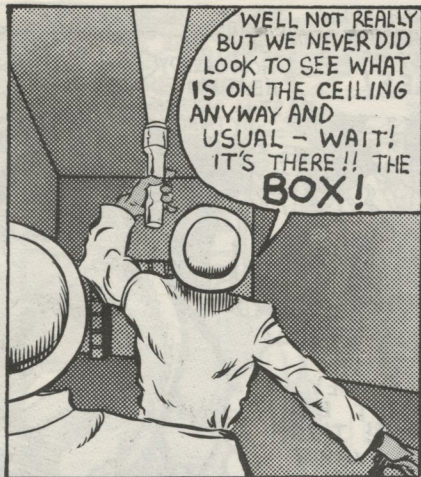


BRIAN  
COULD  
YOU  
HAND ME  
THE  
FLASHLIGHT?

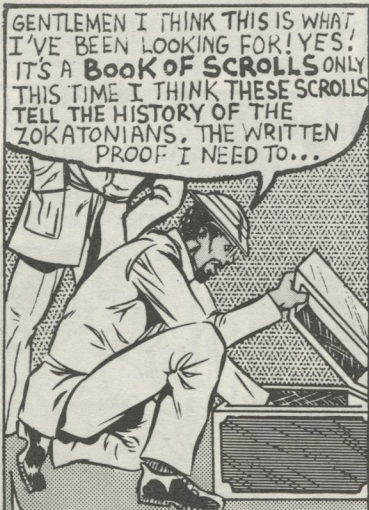
PROF. EDRICKS!  
YOU DON'T THINK  
THAT THIS STUPID  
STICK IN THE GROUND  
THING **ACTUALLY**  
WORKS DO YOU?

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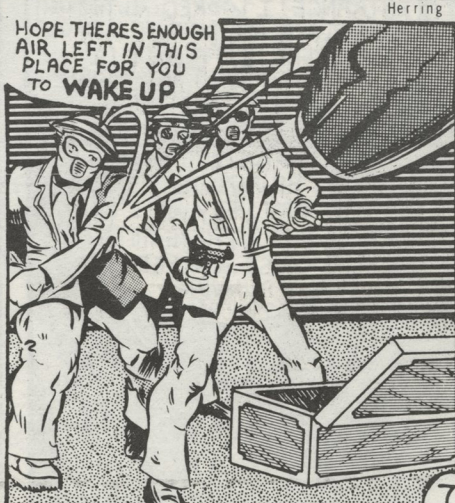
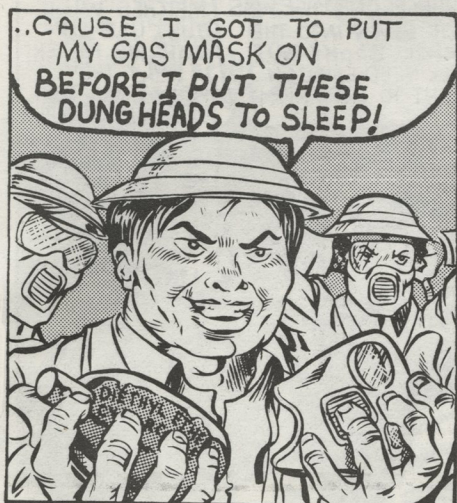
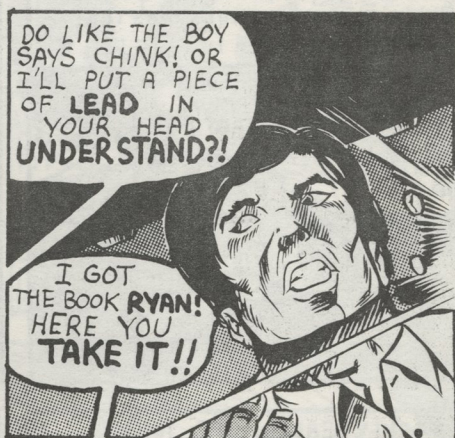
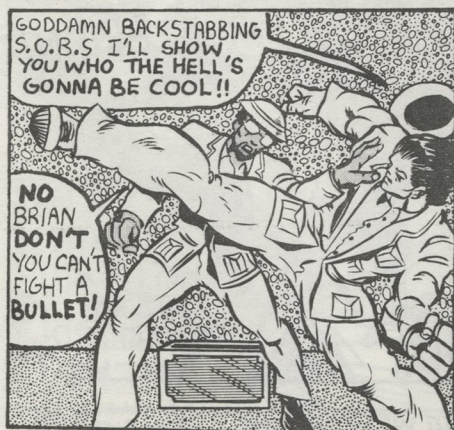
Herring



..MAKE THOSE STONEHEADS LISTEN RIGHT? WELL KEITH I THINK YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT YOUR COLLEAGUES AND GO STRAIGHT TO THE PAPERS AND..

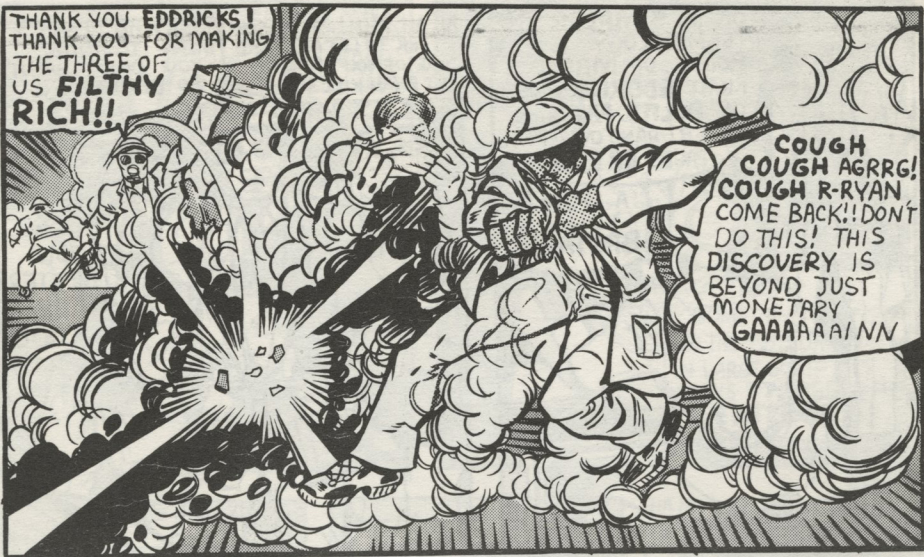








THANK YOU EDDRICKS!  
THANK YOU FOR MAKING  
THE THREE OF  
US **FILTHY**  
**RICH!!**



COUGH  
COUGH AGRRG!  
COUGH R-RYAN  
COME BACK!! DON'T  
DO THIS! THIS  
DISCOVERY IS  
BEYOND JUST  
MONETARY  
GAAAAAAI NN

It is 150 minutes later that  
consciousness returns to Keith  
Eddricks a consciousness that  
may well have been in VAIN!!

OH! I KNEW IT WAS TOO  
GOOD TO BE TRUE! IT WAS  
ALL A (YAWN) DREAM I  
GUESS I SHOULD  
WAIT A  
MINUTE!!



THIS IS REAL AND WHAT'S  
MORE BRIAN'S GONE! THE  
GAS MUST HAVE WORE OFF  
OF HIM SOONER OR?

**BRIAN!**  
**BRIAN!**

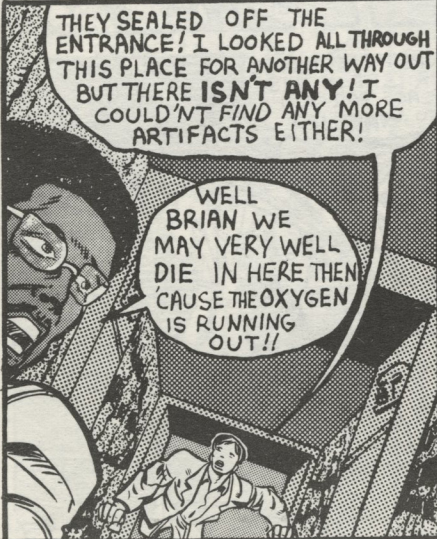


I'M OKAY!  
KEITH BUT  
WE'RE  
TRAPPED!

Smith

THEY SEALED OFF THE  
ENTRANCE! I LOOKED ALL THROUGH  
THIS PLACE FOR ANOTHER WAY OUT  
BUT THERE ISN'T ANY! I  
COULDN'T FIND ANY MORE  
ARTIFACTS EITHER!

WELL  
BRIAN WE  
MAY VERY WELL  
DIE IN HERE THEN  
CAUSE THE OXYGEN  
IS RUNNING  
OUT!!



BUT WE'VE GOT ONE  
CHANCE! ONE PAGE WAS  
NOT SEWN INTO THE  
SCROLL BOOK! BUT  
I'LL NEED ENOUGH  
LIGHT TO DECIPHER IT!

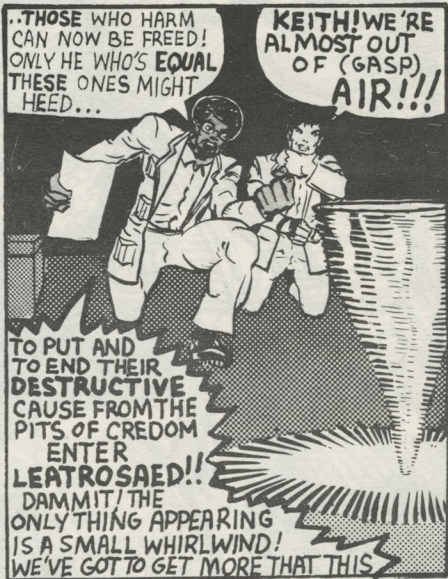
YEAH BUT THOSE  
MATCHES WILL  
JUST USE UP  
OUR AIR FASTER!  
IF ONLY THEY  
HADN'T TAKEN THE  
FLASHLIGHT WITH THEM







The question goes unanswered as Keith Eddricks begins the task of translating the ancient literature. Then Finally one hour later with only 15 minutes of oxygen left he succeeds.....



Taylor

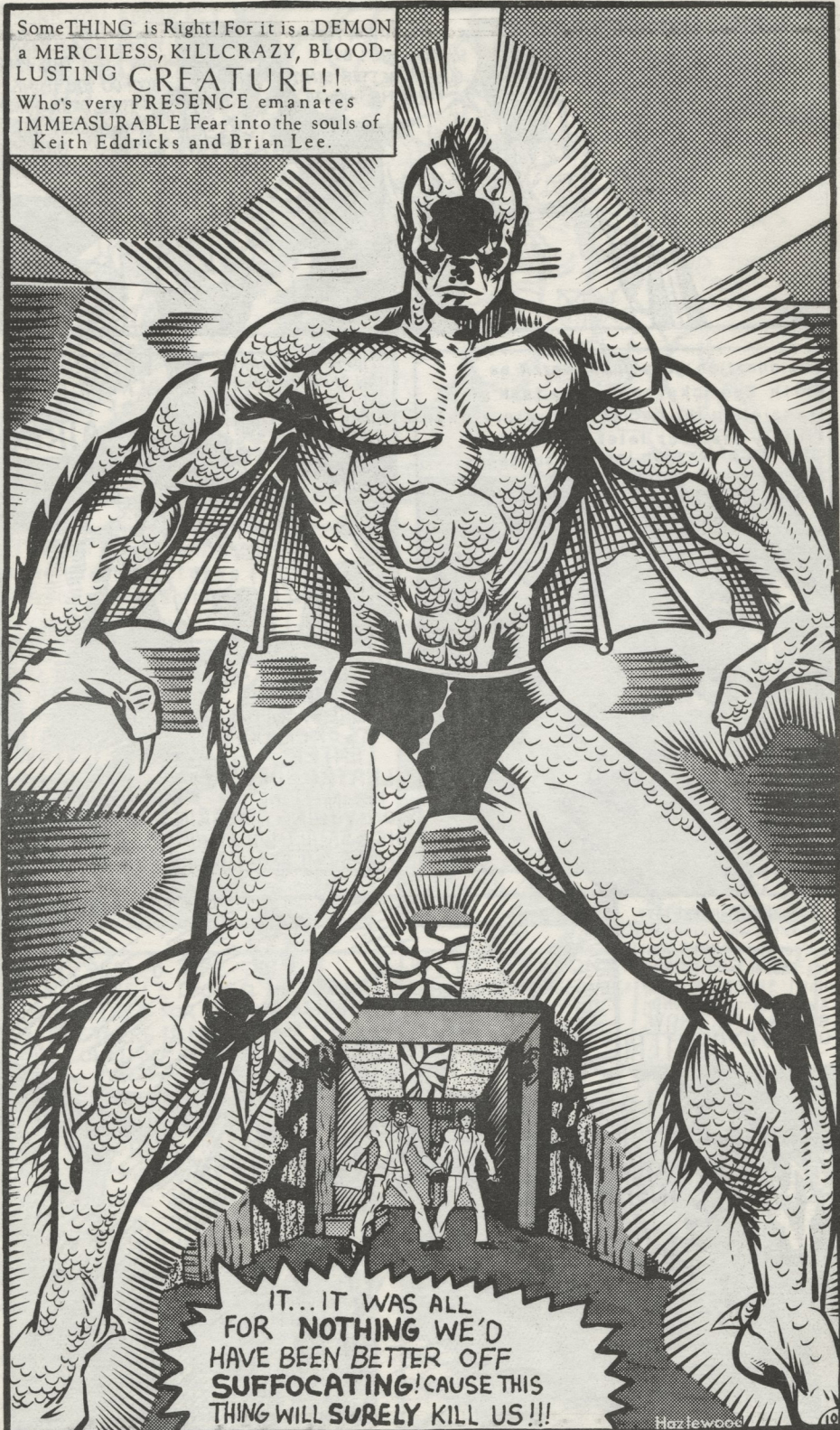
And more than that they do, as the whirlwind GROWS Larger and LARGER, Whirling Faster and FASTER Until SUDDENLY it Darts Away From THEM AND BEGINS TO GROW Dark at it's CENTER!





SomeTHING is Right! For it is a DEMON  
a MERCILESS, KILLCRAZY, BLOOD-  
LUSTING CREATURE!!

Who's very PRESENCE emanates  
IMMEASURABLE Fear into the souls of  
Keith Eddricks and Brian Lee.



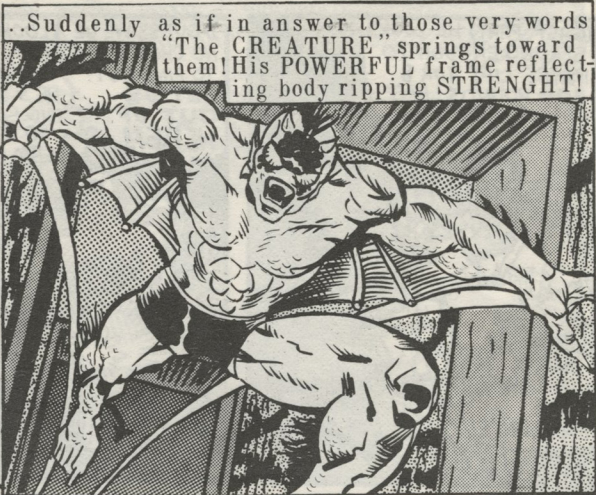
IT... IT WAS ALL  
FOR NOTHING WE'D  
HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF  
**SUFFOCATING!** CAUSE THIS  
THING WILL **SURELY KILL US!!!**



I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU DAMMIT! NOW BECAUSE OF ME THOSE PETTY FOOLS WILL BE RICH WHILE WE'LL BE DEAD!!



...Suddenly as if in answer to those very words "The CREATURE" springs toward them! His POWERFUL frame reflecting body ripping STRENGTH!



N-NO ST-STAY BACK! KEEP AWAY FROM US!!!



A COMMAND IS GIVEN!  
and Surprisingly a  
Command is OBEYED!



HE'S DOING IT!  
HE'S KEEPING BACK!

WHEW!  
WE'RE  
SAFE!

YES BUT  
(GASP)  
THE  
AIR!



YEAH THE AIR! ER..  
FURTHER DOWN IT SAYS  
HE, UNLIKE THE OTHER  
**DEMONS** WILL  
OBEY ANY  
COMMAND!



Taylor



(GASP PANT) HE LOOKS STRONG ENOUGH TO MAYBE LIFT 7 OR 8 100 POUNDS! BUT CAN HE FREE US? THERES TON'S OF.



..ROCK COVERING THE ENTRANCE!

I GUESS WE'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIND OUT! GET US OUT OF HERE!!



LOOK HIS HAND IT'S GLOWING! HE'S SHOOTING SOME KIND OF HUGE BEAM OF LIGHT!

But-it-is Far MORE than mere Light that Forces a entrance through 70 Feet of SOLID ROCK, IT'S A EXPLOSIVE BLAST of DEMONIC ENERGY !!!



And it's that same energy that carries two unconscious forms from the airless cavern!!

Where ten minutes later...



IT.. HE DID IT! HE SAVED US!

HE HAS ASTOUNDING POWERS!

YES BUT WHAT WILL WE DO WITH HIM? I MEAN OUR SOCIETY WON'T BE ABLE TO ACCEPT SOMETHING SO CONTRARY TO SCIENCE!



I WONDER WHY HE'S SO STILL?

I-I DON'T KNOW! BUT WHAT'S WORRYING ME IS RYAN AND THE OTHERS HAVE ALL THOSE OTHER PAGES!

THAT'S RIGHT! AND THEY PROBABLY THINK THEY BRING FORTH TREASURES!



INSTEAD THOUGH WHEN THEY PHONETICALLY READ THE SCROLLS TEXT THEY'RE GOING TO GET EVIL DEMONS !!

WE GOT TO FIND THEM AND...LOOK! HE'S SNARLING! YOU'VE GOT TO TOUCH THE PAGE KEITH AND COMMAND HIM AGAIN!!



Taylor



SHHH IT! LEATROSAED  
LEATROSAED ENTERED  
HERE! RETURN  
BACK  
NOW!  
DEASORTAE



THIS IS SO UNBELIEVABLE!  
WE'VE GOT TO REPORT  
THIS TO SOME AUTHORITIES  
CAUSE, CHARLES, WILLIAM  
AND RYAN COULD DESTROY  
THE WORLD WITH THOSE KIND  
OF CREATURES!!!!



And so they started back to  
the city in the same car  
they arrived in, with a  
CREDOMINUS Scroll! Man-  
kind's only defense against the



possible evil Demons!  
Meanwhile with Charles,  
Ryan, and William....

POUR WILLIAM ANOTHER  
GLASS OF WINE MARGARET  
DEAR..WE'VE JUST MADE  
THE MOST SPECTACULAR  
BUSINESS FIND SINCE..



Taylor

LOOK RYAN EVEN THOUGH  
CHARLES DID SHOW ME  
THAT OLD ANCIENT COIN  
YOU REALLY DON'T THINK  
I BELIEVED ALL OF WHAT  
YOU TOLD ME DO  
YOU??



WELL DAMMIT I'LL SHOW Y-YOU  
THEN, NOW THE GOOD PROFESSOR  
NEVER DID TEACH ME HOW TO  
TRANSLATE ALL OF THIS ANCIENT  
SCRAWL BUT BACK WHEN HE FIRST  
DISCOVERED THE ZOKATONIAN  
CIVILIZATION HE TAUGHT ME  
HOW TO PRONOUNCE EACH LETTER  
SYMBOL SO I  
SHOULD BE ABLE  
TO MAKE SOME  
KIND OF  
RICHES  
APPEAR!



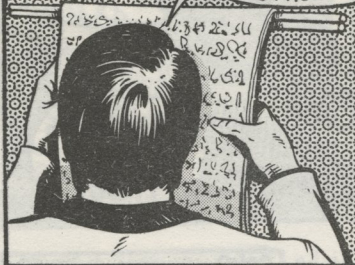
HA HA I DON'T  
BELIEVE IT! HA HA  
HAH! YOU MEAN IT!  
YOU ACTUALLY THINK  
THAT BY READING FROM  
THAT OLD SCROLL...





... THAT A CHEST OF MONEY IS GOING TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF YOU! WELL HAHA I THINK THE PROFESSOR PULLED A FAST ONE ON YOU GUYS AND YOU STILL DON'T KNOW IT!!

WELL IF HE DID THAT'S THE LAST ONE HE'LL EVER PULL! NOW QUIET I'M GOING TO READ OUT THE SOUNDS FROM THIS PAGE....



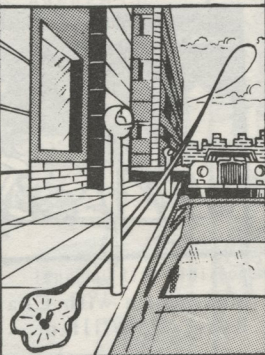
ROK ZON TAK REYON E DEMI LOKTILON SLEGROETOTH!! THE FLOOR'S STARTING TO SHINE AND...NO JEWELS OR MONEY DAMN!

NO MONEY BUT YOU DID MAKE SOMETHING APPEAR A WEIRD LOOKING SLUG! AND THAT MEANS YOU WEREN'T KIDDING!!

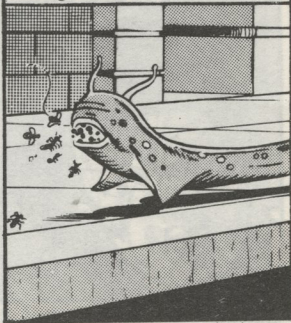
Suddenly the small slug thing LEAPS through a window leaving Ryan Mason apprehensive!



Zooming down to a city sidewalk the demon 'Slegroetoth' begins to use it's Mystical Power!



The power to draw any living thing except it's summoners, into it's ever Consuming mouth. First it begins with small insects



★ Stevens

Then, growing Larger it Devours small animals turning their flesh and bone into INSTANT vitamin and protein for it's hungry and Multiply cells!!



It's almost Magetic suction power makes it's prey Weightless so that in a mere 70 minutes what was once just a slug out of the distant past, is now a Towering Monster of DESTRUCTION adding now Human lives to it's Diet!!





It is so **GHASTLY** a sight to behold that even Ryan Mason the uncaring is **HORRIFIED!!**

OH RYAN WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THIS IS **TERRIBLE!!!**



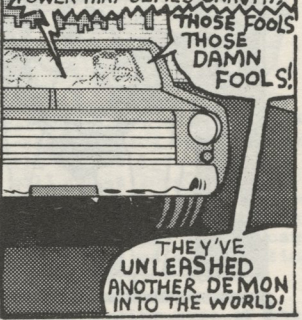
NO NO! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO **HAPPEN!!**

RYAN GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF MY BOY! WE'VE GOT **POWER** NOW! **POWER** TO **RULE** THIS TOWN BUDDY! NOW JUST GO OVER AND TRY AND GET RID OF THAT THING WHILE I CALL THE TOP CITY OFFICIALS



ABOUT SOME DEMANDS

ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS OF OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA! **EVACUATE! EVACUATE!** A GIGANTIC DEADLY GASTROPODIC CREATURE IS ATTACKING YOUR AREA! IT HAS A STRANGE SUCTION **POWER** THAT DEFIES GRAVITY.



THOSE FOOLS THOSE DAMN FOOLS!

THEY'VE UNLEASHED ANOTHER DEMON INTO THE WORLD!

WHY ARE WE STOPPING IN FRONT OF THIS ALLEY KEITH!? YOU DON'T THINK OUR CREATURE CAN STOP THAT THING DO YOU?



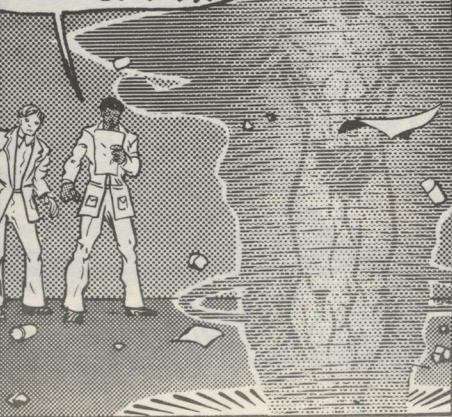
IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE BRIAN! YOU HEARD THE NEWS! THAT MONSTER HAS ALREADY EATEN EVERYTHING FROM 1ST STREET TO TENTH ON MAIN AND IT'S GETTING BIGGER!

SO HERE GOES... ONE WHO HARMS HAS NOW BEEN FREED ONLY HE WHO'S EQUAL THIS ONE MIGHT HEED! TO PUT TO END ITS **DESTRUCTIVE** CAUSE



Smith

FROM THE PITS OF CREDOM ENTER LEATROSAED!! HE'S APPEARING!!...ER LEATROSAED...THERE IS A GIANT DEMON KILLING HUMANS **STOP IT!**

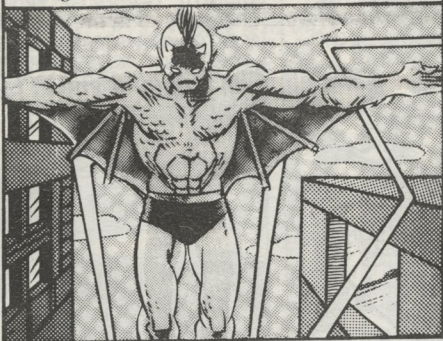


With those words the **POWERFUL** form of the CREATURE Springs to the Sky **EAGER** for **DESTRUCTIVE CONFRONTATION.**





As he instinctively Flies toward his destination "LEATROSAED" observes how this world has Changed since he had last roamed it.....

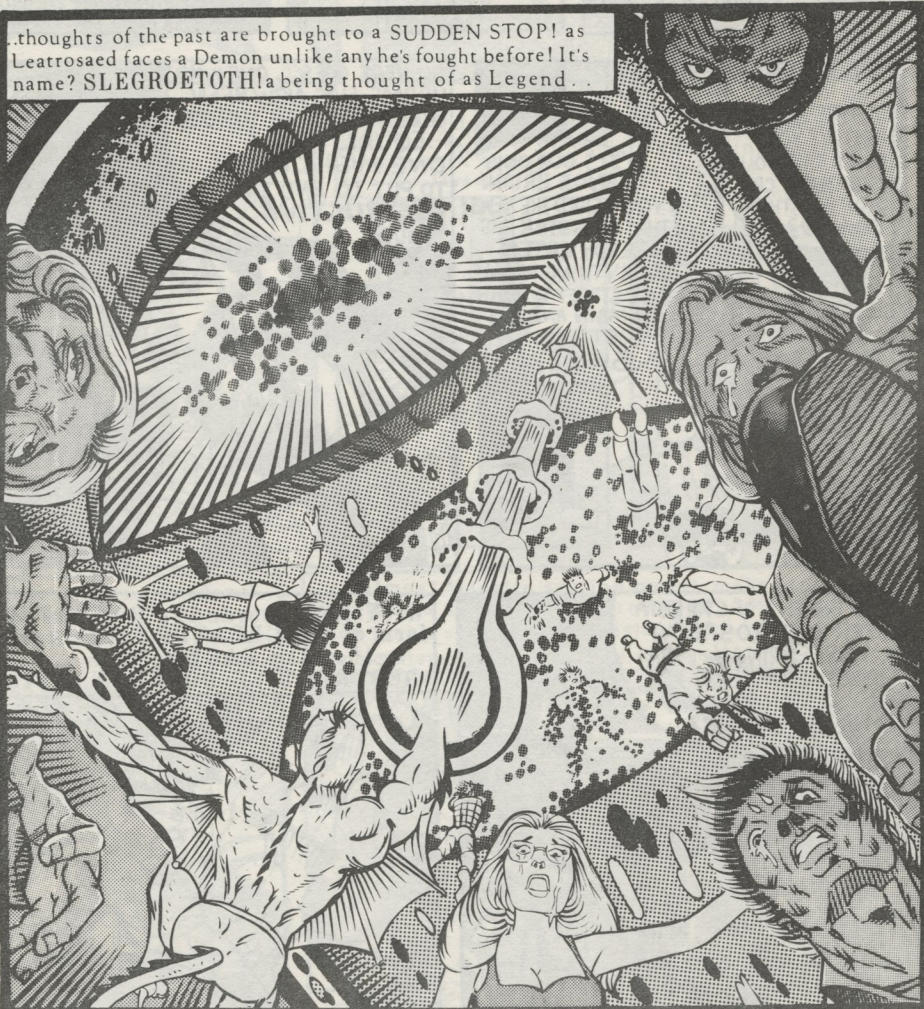


...the population has increased tremendous-ly and the Creature a Wonder himself is amazed at technologies turn! BUT all...



Hazlewood

...thoughts of the past are brought to a SUDDEN STOP! as Leatrosaed faces a Demon unlike any he's fought before! It's name? SLEGROETOTH! a being thought of as Legend...



by the CREATURE! a Abomination that DEVOURS WORLDS of LIFE!! A COMMAND WAS GIVEN! Can the CREATURE Fulfull the Given COMMAND?! DON'T MISS THE NEXT SUPER EXCITING ADVENTURE! entitled "Unleashed the LOKONDRADOX!"

NEXT ISSUE COLOR FRONT and BACK COVERS, NEW SIZE, NEAL ADAMS VERSION OF THE CREATURE!! PLUS MORE PAGES! also on the next page is a typo, should be "bought" not brought.





# LETTERS OF CREDOMMENT



BELOW: A layout sketch by

**GIL KANE**



BELOW: THE ABOVE LAYOUT USED TO PREVIEW ONE OF THE CREATURE'S  
UPCOMING FOES..... THE PILGROM!!



If... (and I do mean IF) by some miracle I get off my ass and draw a second issue of this book, this will be the letters page; which will be as long as the amount I receive. Also I hope to have in this section one comics pro illoe per issue; (For those who tire of just me all the time) OH And Thanks alot to Doug Hazlewood, Wes Smith, & Dave Stevens, for inking some of the pages & the cover of this book I feel If they were Pros, they'd be among best; infact Stevens has gone professional. Thanks to David Hamilton for helping me to get this book out and also (Cliche) my thanks to all who brought this idea of mine; I appreciate it.

Below (again)  
are some fanzine friends  
of mine. Check out their  
publications; you might  
like'm.

...so later wait'ers

In order:

1. Journey into comics #14  
Paul Legrazie Jr.  
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2. Comic Crusader #17  
Martin Greim  
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dedham, Mass. 02026
3. Starreach  
Mike Friedrich  
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Hayward, CA. 94543
4. Unreal  
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5. Graphic Visions  
Chris Lomelino  
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Springfield, ILL. 62703

THREE LAST MINUTE MESSAGES

First: Mike Friedrich is a professional (publisher) friend, (or rather used to be until I lazily didn't finish a story for him.) and not a fanzine friend. Second: Doug Herring is a fantastic inker-artist who has just contacted me, and should get a page or two from this issue to ink. (as I type this, the inside pages haven't been finished yet). The Mighty Comics is another zine I forgot to plug. Number 5 is 75¢ send to: John Floyd, 910 Kenreed Dr. Thomasville, N.C. 27360



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TO:

